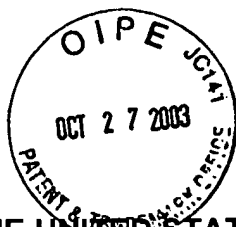


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In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated October 7, 2003, Applicants submit the following.

While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in a particular feature or each feature exactly and specifically as expressed in the claims, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability. In addition, Applicants do not acquiesce that the Examiner's statements regarding the prior art are necessarily complete or accurate. Further, Applicants submit that patentability is based on the claimed invention as a whole, and not solely on one or more particular or specific features recited in the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

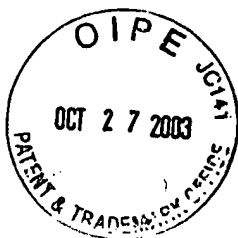
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